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AMMAN 322 AND EMBTEL 2803 NOTAL

1. IF USG PREPARED RECEIVE JORDANIAN GENERAL KHAMMASH, TRIP WILL BE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED BY FRENCH GOVT FOR ANY CHANGE IN US POSITION. IN VIEW FRENCH REACTION TO APPEARANCE OF HAWKS AS ELEMENT OF SITUATION (REFEMBTEL) EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT KEEP GOF INFORMED ANY ASPECTS EVENTUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH KHAMMASH LIKELY AFFECT EVOLUTION OF PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY AS LONG AS

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USG WISHES MIRAGES TO STAY IN RUNNING.

2. FRENCH CREDIT TERMS NOW GIVEN JORDANIANS ESSENTIALLY SIMILAR THOSE OFFERED LEBANESE (EMBTELS 2803 AND 2433) WHO CONSIDERED FAR BETTER CREDIT RISKS; THIS REFLECTS CONSIDERABLE SOFTENING FRENCH TERMS TO GOJ. EMBASSY UNABLE STATE WHETHER ANY WATER REMAINS IN FRENCH PRICE, OR HOW MUCH, BUT WE A PRIORI INCLINED TO VIEW FURTHER REDUCTIONS TO EITHER PARTY (WHICH WOULD CAUSE OTHERS PRESS FOR SIMILAR CUTS) UNLIKELY. IN ANY CASE WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE FRENCH SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTED TO SUBSIDIZE EVENTUAL TRANSACTION.

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3. IN ANY DISCUSSION WITH KHAMMASH DEPT MAY WISH BEAR IN MIND THAT GOF UNDOUBTEDLY INFLUENCED INTERALIA BY FOLLOWING CALCULATIONS:

(A) TECHNICALLY COMPARABLE (OR SUPERIOR) AND LESS COSTLY US AIRCRAFT NOT IN RUNNING.

(B) MIRAGES THEREFORE COMPETING ESSENTIALLY WITH LIGHTNINGS AND MIGS.

(C) LIGHTNINGS HANDICAPPED IN ARAB CONTEXT BY POLITICAL CONNOTATIONS THEIR UK ORIGINS.

(D) US INTERESTS AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH JORDAN EGND LEBANON

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SUCH THAT ACCEPTANCE MIGS BY GOVTS AT BEIRUT AND AMMAN IMPROBABLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

(E) CONTRARY US POSTURE NOTHWITHSTANDING, IF PRESSURES ON JORDAN-LEBANON ACQUIRE SUPERSONICS RISE ENOUGH TO MAKE PROCUREMENT MIGS REAL POSSIBILITY, USG LIKELY PRE-EMPT FIELD BY SUBSIDIZING ACQUISITION WESTERN JETS.

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